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Copies of the papers as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 3, 2006 are attached for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (with a copy of Communication from a foreign patent office, references and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified))
2. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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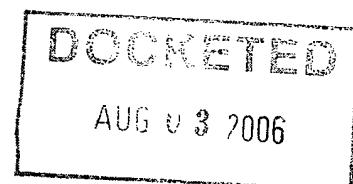
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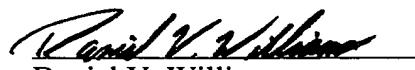
prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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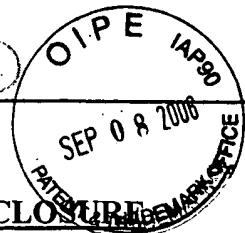
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		
		US 5,281,013	A	01-25-1994	PICHON, ET AL.
		US 3,261,997	A	07-19-1966	SEYFRIED, ARTHUR W.
		US 2,506,404	A	05-02-1950	WOODFIELD, THOMAS H; ET AL.
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